

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 525

By Baird

A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of Larry Dilbeck of
Caryville.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely death of Larry Dilbeck; and

WHEREAS, Larry was an exemplary human being and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dilbeck served with great professional ability and unfailing friendliness as Press Advertising Manager for the *LaFollette Press*, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Larry began working part-time at the *LaFollette Press* as a teen-ager in the 1960s, and he has sold advertising for the newspaper for the past three decades; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dilbeck was well-known and affectionately regarded by local business figures: Carl Pierce, a furniture and appliance dealer, County Commissioner Whit Goins, automobile dealers David Bales, Fred Cain, and Wayne Prater, former restaurateur and Pawn Shop owner Jimmy Goins, furniture dealer Nick Thompson, Ed Gray of Nationwide Insurance and Financial Services, jewelry store owner Jerry Bowman, and David Longmire all counted

Larry as a long-time friend and spoke glowingly of Larry's character and professionalism, dependability, generosity, integrity, genuineness, and love of family; and

WHEREAS, Publisher Larry Smith said of Mr. Dilbeck, "His unexpected death has ripped part of the heart and soul out of the *Press*. He was my right hand, my sounding board, and my good, good friend, full of common sense and a steadying influence"; and

WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family, Larry enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Carolyn, and was the proud parent of sons and daughters-in-law, Von and Sonya Dilbeck and Ron and Naomia Dilbeck and daughter Tennille Dilbeck; he was the doting grandparent of Ryan, Mikayla, Madison and Mackenzie; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dilbeck was preceded in death by his sister, Judy Dilbeck Stifler, and his grandparents W.T and Ida Mae Goins and Luther and Bertha Dilbeck; in addition to his wife, children and grandchildren, he is survived by his parents, Mack and Maude Dilbeck and his brothers, Don and Gary Dilbeck; and

WHEREAS, Larry leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in his professional life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional Tennessean and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Larry Dilbeck, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Larry Dilbeck.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

